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Algonquin College and HealthCareCAN partner to enhance access to health programs

August 17, 2017 (Ottawa) - HealthCareCAN, the national voice of hospitals and healthcare organizations in Canada, and Algonquin College have signed a multi-level agreement for the delivery of health-science and health-related online professional development programs. As of September 1st, 2017, students enrolled in HealthCareCAN's [Health Information Management \(HIM\)](#) and [Food Service and Nutrition Management \(FSNM\)](#) programs will be working towards certificates of achievement that will be jointly conferred by Algonquin College and HealthCareCAN.

This agreement marks the first step of a multi-phased affiliation. The partners will be exploring the shared development of additional health-related training, collaborating on applied research and funding opportunities, and establishing learning pathways and articulation agreements between HealthCareCAN courses and the College's credit and non-credit programming.

"We are proud to partner with one of the finest post-secondary institutions in Canada," said Paul-Émile Cloutier, President and CEO of HealthCareCAN. "Algonquin College is renowned for being learner-driven, with an unwavering commitment to the personal and professional success of its learners. With a focus on innovation and quality and employability, it is dedicated to both the use of technology and experiential learning that connects learners with the fields in which they work and seek employment."

"One of our strategic mandates is strengthened partnerships with both alumni and employers," said Cheryl Jensen, President of Algonquin College. "Our new relationship with HealthCareCAN and its professional development division, CHA Learning, is important to doing both. CHA Learning has been delivering distance education to its members and Canada's health care employers for over 65 years, and is renowned in health care for its practical and innovative delivery of online learning. This aligns with the College's own reputation for alternate classroom delivery via our [Centre for Continuing & Online Learning](#), [Corporate Training](#), and through special initiatives such as [Healthy Living Education](#)." Healthy Living Education is a strategic direction that brings new health related programming to Algonquin at a pivotal time in health human resource planning and system transformation."

HealthCareCAN, through its professional development division (CHA Learning), has designed, produced, and operated several online training programs aimed at developing health human-resource and leadership/management capacity in healthcare across Canada. By partnering with Algonquin College, HealthCareCAN will broaden the scope of its services to its pan-Canadian members and stakeholders. This affiliation will also add to the quality of CHA Learning's programming, which will align its curriculum with Algonquin College.

In return, Algonquin College will broaden its program offerings to adults working in the healthcare sector who are seeking to upgrade their skills through professional development. Having recognized the need to develop new programming for these clients, the College has identified in HealthCareCAN's established and high-quality, online programs a ready-made solution.

This affiliation will benefit both institutions by better serving their respective communities by providing unparalleled value and education to students.

About HealthCareCAN:

HealthCareCAN is the national voice of healthcare organizations and hospitals across Canada. We foster informed and continuous, results-oriented discovery and innovation across the continuum of healthcare. We act with others to enhance the health of the people of Canada; to build the capability for high quality care; and to help ensure value for money in publicly financed, healthcare programs.

About Algonquin College:

The mission of Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology is to transform hopes and dreams into lifelong success. Algonquin College, an Ontario public sector community college, does this by offering hands-on, digitally connected, experiential learning in more than 185 programs. Based in the Ottawa Valley, Algonquin College is the largest polytechnic institute in Eastern Ontario.

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